dealing with communal tensions. Assistance is also being provided to them for improving their policing infrastructure.

The Union Government has also introduced a Bill named The Communal Violence (Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation of Victims) Bill, 2005' in Rajya Sabha to address all aspects of the issue of communal violence in a uniform way throughout the country.

Appointing C.P. as authorised person under CTNR Act in A.P.

1727. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government had requested the Central Government to make the Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad city, the Collectors and District Magistrates as 'Authorised Officers' to exercise powers under various provisions of the Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act, 1994, since the Head Post Master, though notified as Registration Authority for Cable Television Network under the said Act, does not have field functionaries to ensure implementation of this Act;

(b) if so, the status of the request and time likely to be taken to give clearance to this request; and

(c) the impediments, if any, in giving the clearance?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) References have been received from Andhra Pradesh Government for making the authorized officers under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 the registration authorities also.

(b) and (c) Government is in the process of finalizing the draft of a detailed legislation on Broadcasting Services, namely Broadcasting Services Regulation Bill, 2007. Proposed bill has provisions for authorizing Central Government to notify such officers of the Central/State Government and/or the proposed Broadcasting Regulatory Authority of India as may be considered necessary, as the Licensing/registration Authorities to grant, refuse or revoke licenses/registration. The above proposal when duly approved will meet the request of the State Government. The above status has been conveyed to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.